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TAGS: CDES, ID (WOLCOTT, DON E.)

SUBJECT: ESTATES: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

REF: DEPT.'S OM OF MAY 27, 1975

1. DEPARTMENT'S OM RECEIVED HERE JUNE 19.

2. TO CONSULAR OFFICER'S KNOWLEDGE MRS. WOLCOTT RECENTLY CONTACTED REPRESENTATIVE DECEASED WIFE'S FAMILY REGARDING AMICABLE SETTLEMENT AND DIVISION OF ESTATE. DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO JAKARTA 13699 CONCERNING REASON ENTIRE ESTATE NOT RPT NOT RELEASED TO MRS. WOLCOTT. MRS. WOLCOTT HAS LETTERS OF AUTHORITY FROM PROBATE COURT FOR OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN STATE; HAN SNEL HAS POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM DECEASED WIFE'S MOTHER WHO IS INDONESIAN RESIDENT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND DON WOLCOTT DIED APRIL 1974 AND EFFECTS RECEIVED BY CONSULAR OFFICER JULY 1974. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE EMBASSY REGARDING DISPOSITION OF ESTATE IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. IT APPEARS THAT NOTARIZED AGREEMENT BY BOTH PARTIES REGARDING DISPOSITION MAY BE SUFFICIENT FOR RELEASE ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT, BUT DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO RESPOND ASAP SO EMBASSY MAY ADVISE MRS. WOLCOTT AND HAN SNEL.

3. IN REGARDS TO REASON FOR SALE OF STATUE AND CHAIR MRS. WOLCOTT CORRESPONDED WITH USGS REPRESENTATIVE IN BANDUNG WHO IS COINCIDENTALLY FAMILY FRIEND CONCERNING HER WISHES REGARDING THE ESTATE. THESE WERE CONVEYED TO CONSULAR OFFICER. REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE MRS. WOLCOTT CONSIDERED EITHER ITEM AN HEIRLOOM OR THAT SHE HAD PARTICULAR DESIRE FOR THEM. OTHER

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ITEMS, OF NO RPT NO PARTICULAR MONETARY OR SENTIMENTAL VALUE

SUCH AS ANTIQUE AIRPLANE CHAIR AND LARGE METAL SCULPTURE WERE
RETAINED AT HER REQUEST. ASIDE FROM PROBLEM OF SPACE THERE
WAS NO RPT NO PLACE ON EMBASSY GROUNDS APPROPRIATE FOR LIFE
SIZED NUDE FIGURE OR ROCKING CHAIR. CONSULAR OFFICER STRONGLY
ADVISED AGAINST STORING ITEMS IN HER OWN HOME, ONLY SUITABLE
ALTERNATIVE. BOTH ITEMS WERE WOODEN AND SHOWED SIGNS OF MILDEW
AT TIME OF ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA. STATUE ALSO CRACKED ALONG
BACK. DUE TO THESE PROBLEMS AND SINCE NO PARTICULAR
INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED FOR ITEMS THEY WERE SOLD.

4. CONSULAR OFFICER HAS BEEN INFORMED THIRD HAND THAT USGS OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO MRS. WOLCOTT
TO RETURN ESTATE AT ANY TIME UP TO 18 MONTHS AFTER WOLCOTT'S DEATH.
SHIPMENT HAS NOT BEEN INVESTIGATED SINCE DISPOSITION OF
ESTATE NOT RPT NOT DETERMINED.

5. FULL RESPONSE YOUR OM WILL BE POUCHED SOONEST WITH INVENTORIES AS
REQUESTED.
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